

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/678,023	KAWASAKI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 October 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/678,023.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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The amendment to the claims and specification filed November 19, 2005 and submission of corrected computer readable form filed December 17, 2005 are acknowledged. The computer readable form has been entered. Claims 1-2 were previously cancelled; claim 3 is currently canceled. Claims 4, 6, and 11 have been amended. Claims 4-14 are pending and are the subject of this Office Action.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Election/Restriction

Claim 4 is directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Official Gazette notice dated March 26, 1996 (1184 O.G. 86), claim 10 and 14, directed to the process of making or using the patentable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are now subject to being rejoined. Claim 10 and 14 hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104.

Since all claims previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 have been rejoined, the restriction requirement made in the Office action mailed on March 15, 2004 is hereby withdrawn.

2. Priority

In the view of Applicants arguments priority of SEQ ID NO: 2 of the instant application to PCT PCT/JP96/03862 application, filed December 27, 1996 has been

granted. The state of the prior art does not require evidence of priority to the Japanese patent application No. 1995-343700.

3. Objections

3.1. Specification

Objections to the specification are withdrawn because the amendments have been entered. Applicant's correction of the language of claims 6 and 11 is acknowledged.

3.2. Abstract

Objections to the abstract are withdrawn because the abstract has been amended.

4. Rejections

4.1. 35 USC, section 112, second paragraph

Rejection of claim 4 and dependent claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, and 13 made in the previous Office Action is withdrawn, because claim 4 has been amended.

4.2. 35 USC, section 112, first paragraph

4.2.1. Lack of written description

Rejection of claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11-13 for lack of written description is withdrawn, because claim 4 has been amended.

4.2.2. Scope of enablement

Rejection of claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11-13 for scope of enablement is withdrawn, because claim 4 has been amended.

5. Allowance

Claims 4-14 are allowed for reasons indicated in the previous Office Action, mailed on May 19, 2004.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Malgorzata A. Walicka whose telephone number is (571) 272-0944. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy, can be reached on (571) 272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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